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Canton, China,

January 8, 1924.

American Numismatic Society,

Broadway at 156th Street,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I should be very much obliged to you if you would inform me what publications there are at the present time that deal with coins and coin collecting and also please tell me if your Society is in the market for old coins and if so, what coins in partieular. Do you make a practice of identifying old coins?

Yours very truly,

Juan H. Ware.

C. Canton Christian College

February 4th, 1924

Ivan H. Ware, Esq.
C/o Canton Christian College
Canton, China

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favour of January 8th, there are a number of books published (chiefly in England) which deal with coins and coin collecting in a general way. We are not in a position to supply these and would suggest your writing to Mr. William H. Valentine, 60 Upper Kennington Lane, London, S.E.11, England, who, I believe, could furnish you with various books which might prove of service to you. Messrs. Guttag Bros. 16, Exchange Place, New York, are just getting out a price list and illustrated catalogue of the modern coins of many countries. As this is still in the press, I know neither its scope nor the price of the book. You might, however, write to them.

At this Museum, we are anxious to keep up with modern Chinese coins - especially from the more inland provinces. If you can help us on almost anything issued in recent years, we should be glad to recompense you.

As far as identifying old coins, at present we are in no position to do so as we are very short-handed and have so much of our own material which is accumulating faster than we can attend to it.

Very truly yours,

Curator

CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
廣州嶺南大學

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CANTON, CHINA

March 11, 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

I thank you for your letter of February 4 and will be glad to co-operate with you in collecting the more modern Chinese coins. At the present time, I am collecting a series of pennies all of which are different and as you know, there are more than 100 different pennies in constant circulation. If there are any that you desire or a complete collection of them, I shall be glad to collect them for you.

I have also recently had the good fortune to pick up a ten dollar gold piece, a fascimile of which is enclosed. These gold pieces were issued sometime ago at Yunnanfu and, because the gold had a greater purity than the foreign gold coin, they were bought up in a comparatively short time and none have been issued since. The issue was both of $5 & $10 gold piece. I bought this one at quite a premium and if you should like to add it to the collection of the museum I will be glad to sell it to you for $10. U. S. Gold.

If there are other Chinese ~~pennies~~ coins that you wish me to secure for you, I shall be glad to do my best.

Yours very truly,

Duan I Huang

1 Incl
IHW/FAE

10.00 Chinese
Gold
coin.

April 11th, 1924

Mr. Ivan. H. Ware
Canton Christian College
Canton, China

Dear Sir:

Your letter of March 11th just received, and we should be very glad to obtain the Chinese gold coin about which you write, and I am enclosing herewith a ten-dollar bill for same. I am familiar with these two pieces, but have been unable to get hold of either of them. We have the fifty-cent piece, both in copper and silver.

It is really hard to say just what we want, but anything that is very new we undoubtedly have not in our Cabinet. Also, we are looking for pieces from Western China and Chinese Turkestan. I am also looking for a silver rupee with Yunnan on it in English. This piece has the Emperor's head on it, and is similar to the piece made for Thibet in Sze chuan.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
廣州嶺南大學

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CANTON, CHINA

May 16, 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Bet. 155-156 Street,
New York City.

Att. Mr. Howland Woods, Curator.

Dear Sir:

This acknowledges receipt of your letter of April 11 together with its contents of a $10.00 U. S. bank note in payment of a $10.00 Chinese Gold Coin.

Since writing my last letter I have been able to find and secure one $5.00 Gold piece of the same mint. This I am offering at $5.00 U. S. Currency and I am enclosing them in this letter which is being sent by registered post.

I planned on going to Yunnanfu this summer and in time to make a survey of the money shops in that city and other surrounding cities. Coins that I received and which I think might be interesting to you, I will have sketched and the sketch sent in to you.

Yours very truly,

Isaac T. Moore

IHW/FAE
1 Incl: 3 Coins:-
1 $10.00
1 $ 5.00
1 $ .20 Silver commemoration coin —
which I am offering for 25 cts.

June 25th, 1924

Mr. Ivan H. Ware
Bursar's Office
Canton Christian College
Canton, China

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you for sending on the Chinese gold coins, and I was as much pleased to receive the smaller one as the larger one.

I trust that you will be able to pick up some interesting things, and wish you Luck!

I am enclosing, herewith, $5.25 for the additional two coins sent to me.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Canton China.
July 12 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway.
New York City.

Att. Mr. H. Woods, Curator.

Dear Mr. Woods ;

I have recently sent my collection of coins to America through the kindness of my good friend Mr. C. N. Laird who has;promised to deliver them to you. I made a list of these coins which he has at the present time and although the collection is only a start yet I feel that there some very good specimens among the coins.

It is my desire to sell this entire collection due to the fact that I wish to have the money tied up in them to take a trip through Europe on. I would be very pleased if you would look over the coins and if possible take the whole lot off my hands at the price I have indicated. The prices as stated are those of cost, after one has been in Asia a while, one can with quite a bit of haggling buy coins at the different money shops and get them at quite a good price, this is what I have done and am now offering you or anyone interested in the coins the whole lot at cost price. There will be some no doubt that you have not as yet in you Cabinet and it may be that you would prefer to buy just those. However if this is the case I should like to ask you to take over the entire amount and then resell or exchange those you have no use for. It may be too that there is some coin that would be worth more than the amount I am asking for the lot. At any rate I am waiting to hear from you as to you disposition inthis matter.

I have told Mr. Laird what my price on the lot was and have also told him that he could keep as his commission anything over that price if he succeeded in selling them so it might be that he will arrange to sell them before he gets to New York. In any event you will hear of it. I hope the coins I sent you under cover of my 5/16 letter have arrived bythis time and now as I am about to go to Yunnan-fu I will look for the coins you were asking for in a previous letter.

Sincerely yours,

Allan T. Kuare

CANTON CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
廣州嶺南大學
CANTON, CHINA

Sept 1st 1924.

The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Att. Mr. H. Woods Curator.

Dear Sir :

This acknowledges receipt of yours of the 25th of June together with $5.25 enclosed for coins which I sent you. Please accept my many thanks.

I have just now returned from a very interesting trip to Yunnan-fu which I mentioned in my previous letter. I found this country very interesting and am quite enthused with what I saw. As for coins I did not have very good success but I did meet a Mr. Meyers who is the American Consul there and he has quite a collection of silver coins. He started outsome time ago making an indiscriminate collection and now his plans are to make a complete collection of Chinese silver and gold coins only. So far his collection is very good and he has two or three coins that are in a class by themselves. Two of them are tael pieces which were coined in two cities but refused as the medium of exchange and were recalled and remelted . He has two gold pieces of Yunnan, the five and the ten, there were altogether 5,000,000. dollars coined in five and ten dollar gold pieces in two issues. These issues are marked with a one and two on the back and if you will tell me what yours are I will try to get the complete set if you wish. Gold pieces are not to be found in Yunnan-fu altho it is the city of origin. The coin which you mentioned in your previous letter is a Tibetan coin and also quite difficult to obtain However I think I have made arrangements to get two full sets of Tibetan coins, that is the coins that are in common use and if you are interested I shall reserve a set for you, providing of course that I am able to get them.

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In fact these gold pieces are quite rare anywhere in China

Canton, Hongkong and Swatow are some of the best cities in the world for picking up coins and if there is anything that I can get for you I will be glad to do so. I am going to help Mr. Meyers make his collection a complete one as far as possible.

Very truly yours,

Isaac H. Ware.

I. H. Ware.

November 20th, 1924

Ivan H. Ware, Esq.
Canton Christian College
Canton, China

Dear Sir:

I have your letters of July 12th and September 1st, respectively. I delayed answering the first as I had hoped to hear from Mr. C. N. Laird. As no word has reached me from him, I presume that he has sold your collection. I am rather sorry as I should have liked to look it over.

I am glad that you enjoyed your trip to Yunnan-Fu. Would you mind sending me Mr. Meyers full name and address? There are so few coin collectors in China and we like to keep more or less in touch with them e especially those who collect modern coins.

All the gold pieces which I have seen, have 1 on a larger coin, and a 2 on a smaller piece. Are you sure that other numbers come with these dies? I should be glad to get others of these pieces if I can obtain them sufficiently cheaply.

We are anxious, as I think I mentioned before to you, to get any new issues or any strange coins. We are particularly keen on Tibetan and Turkestan issues. And if you can get an extra set of Tibetan coins, I should appreciate it. Of late, we have had very little from China.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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